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Third year of choice school data

MADISON — Statewide assessments taken by students in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) and the Parental Private School Choice Program (PPSCP) in Racine showed mixed results in mathematics and reading compared to last year, and results were lower than their local public school districts. For both choice and public schools in Milwaukee and Racine, the percentage of students who were proficient or advanced on Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) mathematics and reading tests was significantly below statewide averages for public school students.

“Reporting test results is just one part of the accountability system Wisconsin developed for its schools,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “These results clearly show that academic performance must improve for all students in Milwaukee and Racine. I agree with the governor that it’s time to bring publicly funded choice schools into Wisconsin’s school accountability system.”

Wisconsin Student Assessment System Results				
All Grades				
Percent Proficient or Advanced Using College and Career Readiness Expectations				
	Mathematics		Reading	
	2011-12	2012-13	2011-12	2012-13
State	48.1	48.1	35.8	36.2
State Economically Disadvantaged	30.9	30.5	20.5	20.9
Milwaukee Public Schools	19.7	19.4	14.0	14.2
MPCP Enrolled	11.9	12.9	9.8	10.8
MPCP (Enrolled Minus Parent Opt Out)*	12.0	13.2	9.9	11.1
PPSCP Enrolled **	27.9	24.1	14.8	19.5
Racine Unified School District	28.8	27.8	22.9	21.6
* 2011 Wisconsin Act 32 required that WSAS results be reported by enrolled students minus parent opt out for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. State- and district-level public school results are for enrolled students.				
** Both these years tested very small numbers of students making changes and comparisons of results unreliable.				

In the Milwaukee voucher program, the percentage of students who were proficient or advanced in mathematics was 12.9 percent, compared to 19.4 percent for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) students, 30.5 percent for students throughout the state who are from economically disadvantaged families, and 48.1 percent for

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students statewide. In reading, 10.8 percent of MPCP students were proficient or advanced compared to 14.2 percent for MPS students, 20.8 percent for students from economically disadvantaged families, and 36.2 percent statewide.

In Racine, 174 students were enrolled in tested grades for the current school year. Proficiency in mathematics was 24.1 percent compared to 27.8 percent for students in the Racine Unified School District. Reading proficiency was 19.5 percent compared to 21.6 percent for Racine public school students. This is the second year of the private school choice program for Racine. The low number of students tested in the Racine voucher program precludes making a detailed analysis of the results. Both years tested very small numbers of students making changes and comparisons of results unreliable.

This was the third year that Milwaukee's voucher students took the same statewide assessments as public school students. Results for all Milwaukee choice students taking tests increased 1.2 percentage points from last year for both mathematics and reading, but fluctuated by grade level. Student achievement by racial and ethnic groups was lower in MPCP schools than for MPS students. Both were dramatically lower than average proficiency results for state student racial and ethnic groups. This is the first year that race and ethnicity data was available for MPCP assessments.

A recent paper published in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* found that mandated implementation of WSAS testing for private voucher schools, starting in 2010-11, resulted in improvement in test results.

The Milwaukee voucher program had a student opt out rate of 2.3 percent, which is 290 out of 12,150 students. Statewide, the public school opt out rate was 0.09 percent, which is 388 students out of 432,104 enrolled in tested grades. In MPS, five students opted out of 36,345 tested. By the end of this school year, Wisconsin will have spent nearly \$1.5 billion on the Milwaukee choice program since it began in the 1990-91 school year.

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END NOTE: Deven E. Carlson, Joshua M. Cowen, and David J. Fleming, "Third-Party Governance and Performance Measurement: A Case Study of Publicly Funded Private School Vouchers," *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* (2013), March 26, 2013, accessed April 17, 2013, <http://jpart.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/03/21/jopart.mut017.abstract>.

NOTES: Additional information about results for Milwaukee and Racine school districts and voucher programs is attached. School level data for the choice programs can be found at http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/oea_mpcp_results. Data in this news release for public schools is for all students, not the full academic year (FAY) requirements used on the Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS) website and for school accountability. This news release uses all students to ensure comparable data across schools, districts, and voucher programs. This news release is available electronically at http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2013_48.pdf.

Wisconsin Student Assessment Results by Grade (MILWAUKEE)

Percent Proficient or Advanced Using College and Career Readiness Expectations

2012-13						2011-12				
Reading	MPCP minus					MPCP minus				
	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt
# of students	432,104	180,962	36,345	12,440	12,150	431,363	179,008	37,348	11,629	11,490
Grade 3	34.9%	20.8%	15.3%	9.7%	9.9%	33.1%	19.9%	15.4%	8.6%	8.6%
Grade 4	32.9%	19.5%	13.5%	10.2%	10.3%	35.2%	20.5%	14.8%	8.5%	8.6%
Grade 5	34.9%	20.6%	15.0%	10.8%	11.0%	33.0%	18.2%	13.8%	8.8%	8.9%
Grade 6	34.7%	19.1%	12.8%	9.0%	9.1%	35.7%	19.8%	12.6%	8.7%	8.8%
Grade 7	37.0%	20.9%	13.8%	12.4%	12.5%	38.5%	22.5%	14.0%	11.5%	11.6%
Grade 8	40.2%	23.7%	15.5%	13.8%	13.9%	32.9%	18.8%	13.5%	11.6%	11.6%
Grade 10	38.4%	22.2%	13.0%	10.0%	11.2%	41.6%	24.2%	13.7%	11.4%	11.6%
Total	36.2%	20.9%	14.2%	10.8%	11.1%	35.8%	20.5%	14.0%	9.8%	9.9%

Mathematics	MPCP minus					MPCP minus				
	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt
# of students	432,104	180,962	36,345	12,440	12,150	431,363	179,008	37,348	11,629	11,490
Grade 3	48.0%	31.8%	23.1%	13.1%	13.3%	51.2%	34.8%	23.5%	13.4%	13.5%
Grade 4	49.0%	32.6%	22.7%	14.8%	15.0%	51.8%	35.6%	24.5%	14.2%	14.4%
Grade 5	51.0%	34.1%	22.7%	13.8%	14.0%	51.7%	34.7%	24.7%	14.0%	14.2%
Grade 6	52.2%	33.9%	21.5%	14.9%	15.1%	46.2%	28.9%	18.4%	10.1%	10.3%
Grade 7	47.3%	28.7%	17.5%	13.0%	13.1%	48.0%	30.1%	18.0%	11.3%	11.4%
Grade 8	45.0%	26.7%	15.3%	10.6%	10.7%	44.5%	27.0%	16.9%	11.7%	11.8%
Grade 10	44.4%	24.6%	11.3%	8.3%	9.3%	43.8%	23.8%	10.6%	6.4%	6.5%
Total	48.1%	30.5%	19.4%	12.9%	13.2%	48.1%	30.9%	19.7%	11.9%	12.0%

Wisconsin Student Assessment Results by Grade (MILWAUKEE)

Percent Proficient or Advanced

2012-13						2011-12				
Language Arts	MPCP minus					MPCP minus				
	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt
# of students	186,784	74,847	15,261	4,955	4,779	186,761	74,110	15,624	4,610	4,561
Grade 4	75.2%	63.0%	51.0%	50.9%	51.4%	76.8%	64.6%	52.1%	45.6%	46.2%
Grade 8	60.4%	44.6%	36.1%	36.7%	36.9%	64.2%	48.0%	36.0%	38.7%	38.9%
Grade 10	72.9%	55.7%	37.5%	35.3%	39.6%	70.1%	51.5%	36.3%	35.8%	36.4%
Total	69.5%	54.6%	41.9%	41.7%	43.3%	70.3%	55.1%	41.8%	40.7%	41.2%

Science	MPCP minus					MPCP minus				
	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt
# of students	186,784	74,847	15,261	4,955	4,779	186,761	74,110	15,624	4,610	4,561
Grade 4	77.4%	64.8%	49.7%	44.4%	44.9%	77.2%	64.4%	50.2%	38.6%	39.1%
Grade 8	77.3%	63.4%	46.6%	45.6%	45.9%	80.3%	67.0%	49.4%	48.9%	49.1%
Grade 10	75.5%	58.6%	35.0%	28.5%	32.1%	72.6%	54.0%	31.0%	28.3%	28.8%
Total	76.7%	62.5%	44.1%	40.7%	42.2%	76.6%	62.1%	43.9%	39.6%	40.0%

Social Studies	MPCP minus					MPCP minus				
	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt	State	Econ Dis	MPS-All	MPCP-All	Parent Opt
# of students	186,784	74,847	15,261	4,955	4,779	186,761	74,110	15,624	4,610	4,561
Grade 4	91.1%	85.0%	74.5%	71.6%	72.4%	92.6%	87.3%	78.1%	70.6%	71.5%
Grade 8	81.6%	69.3%	53.1%	55.3%	55.7%	80.9%	68.0%	52.3%	53.8%	54.0%
Grade 10	80.2%	66.0%	47.1%	43.4%	48.8%	75.3%	58.4%	40.4%	39.0%	39.7%
Total	84.2%	73.9%	58.9%	58.4%	60.6%	82.7%	72.0%	57.7%	56.8%	57.4%

NOTE: Results for assessments in language arts, science, and social studies are reported on the proficiency levels that have been used since 2002.

Wisconsin Student Assessment Results by Grade (RACINE)

Percent Proficient or Advanced Using College and Career Readiness Expectations

2012-13					2011-12			
Reading	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students
# of students	432,104	180,962	174	10,113	431,363	179,008	61	10,239
Grade 3	34.9%	20.8%	4.0%	19.7%	33.1%	19.9%	13.3%	20.7%
Grade 4	32.9%	19.5%	21.1%	19.7%	35.2%	20.5%	30.0%	21.9%
Grade 5	34.9%	20.6%	11.1%	20.4%	33.0%	18.2%	0.0%	22.0%
Grade 6	34.7%	19.1%	24.3%	18.6%	35.7%	19.8%	28.6%	22.0%
Grade 7	37.0%	20.9%	22.2%	23.3%	38.5%	22.5%	10.0%	26.0%
Grade 8	40.2%	23.7%	10.5%	27.5%	32.9%	18.8%	16.7%	21.5%
Grade 10	38.4%	22.2%	37.9%	21.8%	41.6%	24.2%	0.0%	26.2%
Total	36.2%	20.9%	19.5%	21.6%	35.8%	20.5%	14.8%	22.9%
Mathematics	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students
Grade 3	48.0%	31.8%	36.0%	33.7%	51.2%	34.8%	20.0%	37.2%
Grade 4	49.0%	32.6%	26.3%	33.8%	51.8%	35.6%	50.0%	33.3%
Grade 5	51.0%	34.1%	22.2%	31.6%	51.7%	34.7%	25.0%	32.6%
Grade 6	52.2%	33.9%	21.6%	28.2%	46.2%	28.9%	42.9%	23.5%
Grade 7	47.3%	28.7%	11.1%	23.8%	48.0%	30.1%	10.0%	26.9%
Grade 8	45.0%	26.7%	15.8%	23.4%	44.5%	27.0%	33.3%	25.4%
Grade 10	44.4%	24.6%	31.0%	20.0%	43.8%	23.8%	0.0%	22.3%
Total	48.1%	30.5%	24.1%	27.8%	48.1%	30.9%	27.9%	28.8%

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Percent Proficient or Advanced

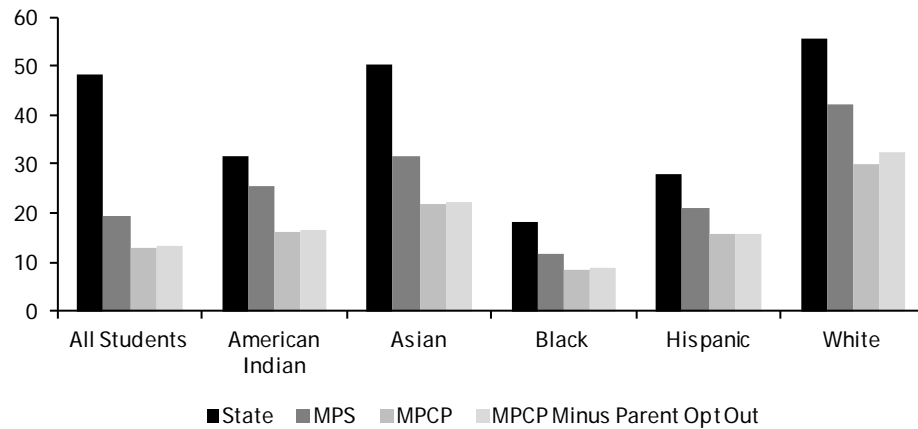
2012-13					2011-12			
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Grade 4	75.2%	63.0%	73.7%	65.4%	76.8%	64.6%	60.0%	67.5%
Grade 8	60.4%	44.6%	21.1%	45.2%	64.2%	48.0%	33.3%	48.9%
Grade 10	72.9%	55.7%	72.4%	54.2%	70.1%	51.5%	0.0%	48.0%
Total	69.5%	54.6%	58.2%	55.0%	70.3%	55.1%	47.1%	54.9%
Science	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students
Grade 4	77.4%	64.8%	68.4%	65.4%	77.2%	64.4%	70.0%	64.5%
Grade 8	77.3%	63.4%	42.1%	59.2%	80.3%	67.0%	50.0%	59.6%
Grade 10	75.5%	58.6%	79.3%	55.7%	72.6%	54.0%	0.0%	47.9%
Total	76.7%	62.5%	65.7%	60.1%	76.6%	62.1%	58.8%	57.3%
Social Studies	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students	State	State Econ Dis	PPSCP-All Students*	Racine Unified-All Students
Grade 4	91.1%	85.0%	78.9%	86.9%	92.6%	87.3%	90.0%	86.1%
Grade 8	81.6%	69.3%	52.6%	66.7%	80.9%	68.0%	66.7%	65.8%
Grade 10	80.2%	66.0%	75.9%	62.3%	75.3%	58.4%	0.0%	53.1%
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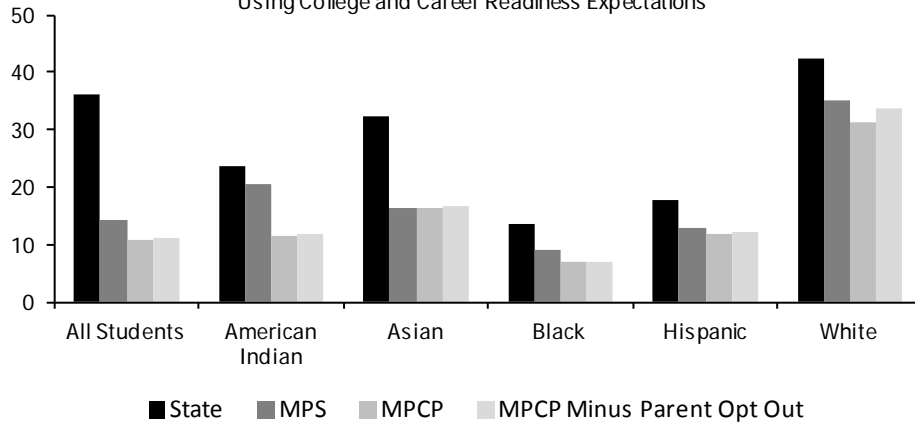
WSAS Mathematics Achievement - 2012-13

Percent Scoring Proficient or Advanced
Using College and Career Readiness Expectations



WSAS Reading Achievement - 2012-13

Percent Scoring Proficient or Advanced
Using College and Career Readiness Expectations



WSAS Achievement for 2012-13 by Racial and Ethnic Groups — All Grades

Percent Scoring Proficient or Advanced Using College and Career Readiness Expectations

	State	MPS	MPCP	MPCP Minus Parent Opt Out
MATHEMATICS				
All Students	48.1	19.4	12.9	13.2
American Indian	31.4	25.6	16.3	16.7
Asian	50.2	31.6	21.8	22.3
Black	18.1	11.8	8.6	8.7
Hispanic	28.1	21.1	15.6	15.8
White	55.4	42.1	30.1	32.6
				MPCP Minus Parent Opt Out
READING				
All Students	36.2	14.2	10.8	11.1
American Indian	23.6	20.5	11.6	11.9
Asian	32.4	16.3	16.5	16.9
Black	13.5	9.3	7.1	7.2
Hispanic	17.7	12.8	11.9	12.1
White	42.5	35.0	31.3	33.9